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Applicants: Clark et al. )  
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated July 31, 2001.

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge that the restriction requirement was partially withdrawn and made final.

The rejection of claims 1-25 and 33-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 5,330,974 to Pines et al. ("Pines") in view of Gailit et al., Exp. Cell Res., 232(1):118-126 (1997) (abstract) ("Gailit") is respectfully traversed.

Pines relates to therapeutic fibrinogen-thrombin compositions (also known as fibrin glues) for use in the treatment of a patient as a tissue adhesive, hemostat or sealant. Fibrinogen, when contacted with thrombin, forms an insoluble gel-like network. The fibrinogen is produced by precipitating fibrinogen from a sample of human blood plasma

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